

FISHER DEFENDS IRRIGATION WORK

Emphatically Denies Statement of Witness Before Committee of the House.

Fisher, in defense of the government

irrigation work and in reply to the recent declaration before a House committee by Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, that "there has never been any long continued successful irrigation agriculture in an arid region anywhere in the world," has written to Chairman Moss, of the committee, denying Dr. Galloway's assertion.

The secretary also has written to Secretary Wilson asking him to prepare an official statement to show "the necessity of irrigation, its great growth in the United States and the practical results, not only in crop production, but in building up a desirable citizenship in the remote sections of the West."

Dr. Galloway's statement, says Secretary Fisher, has resulted in much unfavorable comment, some of it intimating the government's \$74,000,000 investment in reclamation work has been unwise.

"It is important to have a definite denial of inferences drawn from the statement," wrote the secretary.

Taking up his defense of reclamation, he asserts that "up to date there are no developments which should occasion alarm for the permanent future of the land reclaimed or for the prosperity of the people who have settled upon it."

WILL VISIT UNIVERSITY.

Professor Harry L. Wilson to Lecture on "Ancient Cities of Etruria."

Charlottesville, Va., February 2.—Special lectures by men of prominence and renown from other cities and universities have been of an unusually high order at the University of Virginia this year. Others will be given this term of the same general character and importance.

Dr. Thomas Fitzhugh, professor of Latin, extended an invitation, as counselor of the Richmond Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, to Professor Harry L. Wilson, of Johns Hopkins University, to lecture at the university on some phase of archaeology. Professor Wilson accepted the invitation. He will speak in Madison Hall next Thursday evening, his subject being "Ancient Cities of Etruria and Their Buried Treasure." The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides, the original photographs having been taken by Professor Wilson himself while he was engaged in studying the results of the vast excavations in Northern Italy.

Speaking of the subject of Professor Wilson's lecture, Dr. Fitzhugh said today: "The subject of Professor Wilson's lecture is of fascinating interest because of the mystery surrounding the character and origin of the Etruscans. We have numerous undeciphered inscriptions by them and many remarkable archaeological remains, but as yet we have been unable to determine to what race of men they belonged. It seems as if they had dropped from the sky amid their wholly strange environment."

Professor Wilson will be accompanied to the university by Mrs. Wilson. They will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh. They will leave the university Friday and will visit Richmond, where Professor Wilson will lecture Friday night.

CASTRO IS STAYING CLOSE BY HIS HOTEL.

New York, February 2.—General Cipriano Castro, former President of Venezuela, spent Sunday quietly at his hotel, where he has declared he intends to remain until the habeas corpus proceedings under which he is seeking admittance to this country over the decision of the Federal authorities ordering him deported are finally disposed of.

The general absented himself from his quarters for only a brief time today, taking dinner this evening with his counsel, Harold A. Contant, and



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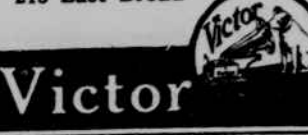
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NEWS OF EASTERN SHORE.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Onancock, Va., February 2.—Judge Fletcher has issued an order for an election in Lee District to determine whether the district shall be bounded for \$10,000, the money to be used for the betterment of the roads.

Dr. J. H. Ayres and Thomas H. Nelson sold three acres of marsh land to Captain W. H. Lang for \$1,000. Captain Lang will use the land for oyster planting.

W. J. Hubbard, of Richmond, State lecturer for the Royal Arch Lodge of Masons, spent last week here, giving instructions in the work and conferring degrees.

The railroad and the steamboat companies are busy delivering fertilizer for the Irish potato crop. It is said that the acreage of that crop will be doubled.

George Parker Hargis, of Wachapreague, died suddenly of asthma at his home in Wachapreague Sunday, aged seventy-two years. He attended Sunday school and church in the morning. He had accumulated a comfortable living by farming and the oyster business. He leaves a widow and four children—Mrs. George W. Guy, Mrs. Joseph H. Stevens, Benjamin F. and E. Curtis Hargis.

R. Thomas Doughty, a resident of Melita, died at the Salisbury Hospital, Thursday, aged sixty-five. Internment was made in the family burying ground, after the services were conducted by Rev. J. Manning Hank. He is survived by ten children.

A conference of ministers and laymen of the Baptist church in Onancock, met at Parkley Thursday. Nineteen churches were represented. The meeting was in the interest of foreign missions and \$2,200 was pledged for this year.

Six negroes escaped from the Eastville jail Wednesday afternoon by picking a hole through the prison wall with an iron bar. They have not yet been captured.

Miss Annie Lee White, of Jenkins Bridge, was married Saturday to Harry Blackstone White, of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall Ames have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Ida Dudson, to Otto P. Killman, at "Elm Hill," February 6, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The bids for the contract to carry the mail from Chincoteague to Wicahart's Point and return, twice a day, the distance made being thirty-six miles, have been opened. The contract was given to Captain Willard Taylor, whose bid was 35 cents for the year.

Helping the Girl Strikers



Mrs. Frederick G. Nathan, president of the Consumers League of New York, who is interested in the girl strikers in the New York garment strike.

MOTHERS HELD FOR BOYS' DEATH

Arrested After Their Sons Are Found Dead Under Suspicious Circumstances.

East St. Louis, Ill., February 2.—Mrs. Pearl Belle Stebbins and Mrs. Nell Carpenter, mothers of two boys, who were found dead of gas asphyxiation in the same bed early to-day, are under arrest here to-night.

The boys, George Stebbins, thirteen, and Ralph Carpenter, six, were discovered dead when Mrs. Carpenter returned to her home this morning in the company of a man, it was testified at the coroner's inquest. The other woman, was away from home all night, being found by the police shortly before noon.

A three-fourth inch gas pipe in a bedroom adjoining that occupied by the boys, which, at one time, had been connected to a gas range, was the source of the fumes which caused the boys' death. There was no cap on the pipe and none was found on the floor. There were no other gas fixtures in the house.

At the inquest to-night it was testified that late last night Mrs. Stebbins was seen to enter the house in which the boys were sleeping, and that a man and a woman waited her reappearance on the sidewalk in front.

Eulogies on Life of Rayner.

Washington, February 2.—Eulogies on the life of the late Senator Rayner, of Maryland, were delivered to-day in the House by Representatives Lewis, Talbot, Lathrop, König and Covington and other members.

CATHOLIC CLUB DEDICATED.

Ceremonies at Old Point Conducted by Bishop O'Connell.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Hampton, Va., February 2.—Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell, of the Richmond Catholic diocese, this afternoon dedicated the Catholic Club, at Old Point.

During the ceremony a large American flag, which was presented to the club by Colonel F. S. Strong, commandant at Fort Monroe, was raised over the building. Colonel Strong and his staff attended the exercises. Visits were later exchanged between Colonel Strong and Bishop O'Connell.

Mrs. Cecil Waine, twenty years old, died in her home in Phoebus this morning.

The Hampton Normal School this afternoon celebrated Founders' Day and dedicated the new \$20,000 Young Men's Christian Association. There were several addresses by prominent Northern educators.

COURT AT AMELIA.

Decision for Dr. Southall and Against Board of Supervisors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Amelia, Va., February 2.—There was a large attendance during the sessions of Circuit Court here last week, and there were quite a number of cases disposed of. The case of Southall, charged with burning a house belonging to Lafayette Mann, was continued owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Wendenburg, counsel for the accused.

The suit of Lee Cousins's estate against the estate of Lee Clark was continued out of court by the payment of \$200 by Clark's administrators. Cousins's administrators agreed to pay the assessed costs.

The court decided the case of Dr. Southall against the County Board of Supervisors in favor of the plaintiff. Dr. Southall had presented a bill to the board for \$250 for attending to smallpox patients. The board had allowed him only \$20, and he brought action for the entire sum.

OBITUARY

William B. Sheppard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Newbern, N. C., February 2.—A telegram received here this afternoon announced the death at Kingston, Jamaica, of William B. Sheppard, whose home is at Edenton, N. C. Mr. Sheppard was on route home after a visit to the Panama Canal, and was taken ill very suddenly. He is a relative of Colonel James A. Bryan of this city, and also Ex-Judge Henry R. Bryan. The remains, it is understood, will be taken to Edenton for interment.

Tom Garnett.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Beulahville, Va., February 2.—Tom Garnett, who had been ill for weeks, died at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. His loss will not only be to his family, but to the church, neighborhood and county, as he was prominent, for good, in everything concerning them. He leaves a wife, one child, Mrs. Frank Moran, and a brother.

Bennett W. Hillyard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., February 2.—Bennett W. Hillyard, sixty-seven years old, member of an old Winchester family, died to-day of Bright's disease. He leaves a widow, one son, three daughters, and two brothers.

Rev. John N. Stallings.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Spencer, N. C., February 2.—Rev. John N. Stallings, a noted Baptist minister, well known in North Carolina, died suddenly at his home here to-day. He was eighty-one years old, and had been preaching for more than fifty years. He had been moderator of the South River Baptist Association more than eighteen years when he died. He is survived by three sons and three daughters, among them being Prof. R. E. Stallings, State Chemist of Georgia, and Mrs. W. A. Lambeth, of Charlottesville, Va.

Joseph W. Fitzgerald.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Spencer, N. C., February 2.—Joseph W. Fitzgerald, aged seventy-six years, a wealthy farmer, died at his home near Spencer yesterday afternoon. He was never married, had accumulated a fortune, and recently donated \$12,000 to the Children's Home at Winston-Salem, and \$11,000 to the Greensboro Female College.

William G. Sloan.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lancaster, Va., February 2.—William G. Sloan, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of this vicinity, died very suddenly last night at his home near Brookville, aged about seventy years. He had been in feeble health for several months, but he came to Lancaster Courthouse a few hours before his death. On returning home he complained of feeling badly, and expired shortly afterward. He was a native of New York, and served in the Union Army in the Civil War. Soon after the close of the war he came to Lancaster County, where he had resided ever since. He was an industrious and successful farmer, and a model citizen. He had for many years been a member of White Marsh Methodist Church, and had long been a member of its board of stewards. He is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of the late Thomas Pinckard, of Lancaster, and by an adopted daughter. His remains were interred this afternoon in the cemetery at White Marsh Church, the services being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Harry.



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TAFT WILL NAME FIVE MORE JUDGES

They Will Bring Total During His Administration to 114.

Washington, February 2.—Before he quits office, President Taft expects to send to the senate the nominations of five more Federal judges, making a total of 114 during his administration, a record unequalled, so far as available documents show, by any other President in four years. Counting these five nominations and ten already sent to the Senate, but still unconfirmed, Mr. Taft will have named 58 per cent of the 195 Federal judges provided for by the statutes.

While the President is known to regard his appointments to the Supreme Court as the most important he has made—and he has named five of the nine members of that court and a Chief Justice—he has taken great

pride in his selection of circuit, district and territorial judges. There are 146 Federal judges who enjoy life tenure, and of that sort Mr. Taft has appointed sixty-five, or about 40 per cent. Mr. Roosevelt, in his first term, named forty-three life judges, and in his second forty-one. Mr. McKinley named twenty-three life judges; Mr. Cleveland, in his second term, twenty-seven, and Mr. Harrison forty-nine.

Becker's Daughter Dies.

New York, February 2.—A baby daughter, born yesterday afternoon to Mrs. Charles Becker, wife of the former police lieutenant, who is in the death-house at Sing Sing awaiting execution for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, died this afternoon. The attending physicians from the first had held out little hope of preserving the life of the infant, owing to its condition of general weakness.

Burned to Death.

Rome, Ga., February 2.—Miss Mattie Hickey, aged sixty, was burned to death at the home of her sister, near Rome, this afternoon, when she fell into an open fireplace during a fainting spell. The aged woman had been left alone. When her relatives returned they found the body burned to a crisp.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—Haley's African Hunt Pictures, matinee and night.

Bijou—"The Great Divide."

Colonial—Vaudeville.

Empire—Miniature musical comedy.

Lubin—Vaudeville.

See These Pictures.—Upon their exhibition here last season, Paul J. Rainey's remarkable pictures of wild animal scenes in the centre of Africa proved so instructive, interesting that they are cheerfully, even enthusiastically, recommended to those who have not seen them. They are their own recommendation to all who have seen them. W. D. G.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK

Chattanooga, Tenn., February 2.—With an anticipated attendance of 3,000 delegates and an equal number of interested visitors, the Laymen's Missionary Convention of the Southern Baptist Church, will open in this city Tuesday afternoon for a three days' session. Maynard T. Thompson will welcome the delegates on behalf of the city. Governor R. W. Hooper will deliver the welcome of the State, and Senator Newell Sanders will speak for the Baptists of Chattanooga. Prominent speakers from all parts of the country, together with a number of returned missionaries, will participate in the convention. President Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, will preside at the opening session, and papers of a nature intended to outline the purpose of the convention will be read. There will be two sessions each day, the final one being scheduled for Thursday evening.

DEATHS

SCHMIDT.—Died, February 2, 1913, at the Virginia Hospital, HENRY SCHMIDT. Remains at his residence, 305 Stockton Street, South Richmond.

Funeral WEDNESDAY, February 2, at 2 P. M. from St. John's German Church, Eighth and Marshall Streets. Internment in Oakwood.

GILLO.—Died, at the home of his grandparents, 512 North Seventh Street, AUGUSTINE, only child of John L. and Genevieve Gillo. Funeral notice later.

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